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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA – RENO DIVISION

UTHERVERSE, INC., a Nevada corporation,
 BRIAN SHUSTER, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRIAN QUINN, an individual; JOSHUA
 DENNE, and individual; BLOCKCHAIN
 FUNDING, INC. a Delaware corporation;
 BLOCKCHAIN ALLIANCE LLC, a
 Wyoming Limited Liability Company;
 MASTERNODE PARTNERS, LLC, a
 Wyoming Limited Liability Company;
 LYNNE MARTIN, an individual; NIYA
 HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability
 company; NIMA MOMAYEZ, an individual;
 and JEREMY ROMA, an individual,

Defendants.

AND RELATED COUNTERCOMPLAINT.

Case No. 3:25-cv-00020-MMD-CSD

**DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING
 ORDER**

**SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW
 REQUESTED**

Complaint Filed: January 10, 2025

Counterclaim Filed: February 28, 2025

Plaintiffs and Counter-Defendants UTHERVERSE, INC. and BRIAN SHUSTER on the one

hand, and Defendants and Counterclaimants BRIAN QUINN, JOSHUA DENNE, BLOCKCHAIN FUNDING, INC., BLOCKCHAIN ALLIANCE LLC, MASTERNODE PARTNERS, LLC, NIYA HOLDINGS, LLC and NIMA MOMAYEZ, and Defendant LYNNE MARTIN on the other hand, by and through their respective counsel of record, jointly submit this proposed Discovery Schedule and [Proposed] Scheduling Order pursuant to Order Setting Case Management Conference (ECF 31), Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and Local Rule LR-26-1¹.

PARTIES' PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN

SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW REQUESTED

The parties propose the following dates, subject to Court approval:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED DATE	NOTES
Initial Disclosures	April 18, 2025	For parties that have appeared to date. Parties will meet and confer on an initial disclosure date for parties added by amended counterclaim once served.
Fact Discovery Cut-Off	October 27, 2025	Defendants answered and filed their counterclaim on February 28, 2025. 180 days from February 28 is August 27, 2025. Counsel for parties met and conferred re: counterclaim, and on March 27, 2025, counsel for counterclaimants indicated an amended counterclaim would be filed on or before April 7, 2025. If filed and served by April 7, a response to the counterclaim will be due April 28. Date proposed is the next court day 180 after response to counterclaim is due.
Amending Pleadings & Adding Parties	July 29, 2025	90 days prior to close of fact discovery
Expert Witness Disclosure	November 26, 2025	59 days prior to close of discovery (60 days is Thanksgiving Day)
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure	December 26, 2025	30 days after expert witness disclosure

¹ During counsel for the parties meet and confer on March 27, 2025, counsel for Defendants indicated that he would be appearing for Defendant Jeremy Roma. Counsel acknowledged the default notice that had been submitted by Plaintiffs and discussed a potential resolution to setting aside the default. Those discussions are ongoing. In the interim, the undersigned counsel for Defendants filed a Notice of Appearance for Mr. Roma. See Notice of Appearance [ECF 38].

Discovery Cut-off	January 26, 2026	Due to the complexity of the matter, the filing and amendment to the countercomplaint, this date is 332 days (approx. 11 months) from the first date that a defendant answered. The 11 months comprises approx. 2 months related to the countercomplaint/ amendment of the countercomplaint, approx. 6 months for fact discovery, and approx. 3 months for expert discovery.
Dispositive Motion Cut-off	February 25, 2026	30 days after discovery cut-off date
Joint Pretrial Order	March 27, 2026	Including disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(3) - 30 days after dispositive motion cut-off

Statement re: Longer Time Periods

This case is complex, involving 16 parties, two (2) plaintiffs, nine (9) defendants, and an additional five (5) counter-defendants, located in various jurisdictions. The primary count in the Complaint is Violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (18 U.S.C. §§ 1961 et seq.). The main count in the Countercomplaint is Fraud. The sheer number of parties and complexity of the counts alleged require extensive fact discovery.

There is a related case pending in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, captioned, *Joshua Denne et al. v. Brian Shuster et al.*, Case No. 30-2024-01438251-CU-FR-NJC. All defendants served in that case have moved to quash service of the summons based on a lack of personal jurisdiction. The hearing on defendants' motions is scheduled for June 25, 2025. On April 2, 2025, Plaintiffs in the Orange County Case requested dismissal without prejudice. As of the filing of this Joint Report, the Orange County Case has not been dismissed.

Counsel for the parties have met and conferred regarding the sufficiency of the Countercomplaint, and on March 27, 2025, counsel for defendants/countercomplainants indicated that countercomplainants will be filing an amended countercomplaint on or before April 7, 2025. If the amended complaint is filed and served on April 7, 2025, counter-defendants response will not be due until April 28, 2025. Thus, the case is not yet at issue.

The parties anticipate that discovery will include numerous forms of ESI, including, but not limited to emails, text messages, social media posts, word processing documents, spreadsheets,

1 presentations, photographs, video and audio files, voicemails, and corresponding metadata. The
2 parties also anticipate that discovery may be necessary outside of Nevada, as at least two defendants
3 reside in California, and at least one defendant and two counter-defendants are residents of Arizona.
4 Additionally, some of the corporate entity defendants/counter-defendants have their primary place
5 of business outside the state of Nevada.

6 The case will also mostly likely require expert witnesses. However, until a substantial portion
7 of fact discovery is completed, the parties may not be able to identify what issues need to be
8 addressed in expert reports and/or testimony.

9 Thus, the parties agree that a fact discovery cut-off approximately 180 days after a response
10 to an amended countercomplaint is due, is reasonable.

11 **Certification Re: Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”)**

12 On March 20, 2025, counsel for the parties met and conferred regarding the possibility of
13 using ADR processes. The parties agreed that any method of ADR would be most efficient and
14 effective after written fact discovery has been conducted. At that time, the parties agreed to discuss
15 the possibility of a Settlement Conference before the Court. The parties may also consider a private
16 mediation as an alternative form of dispute resolution.

17 **Certification Re: Alternative Forms of Case Disposition**

18 On March 27, 2025, counsel for the parties conferred regarding consenting to trial by a
19 magistrate judge. At this time, the parties have opted not to consent to the same. As to the use of
20 the Short Trial Program, the parties understand that the Court has eliminated this program. *See*
21 General Order 2023-03.

22 **Certification Re: Electronic Evidence**

23 On April 2, 2025, the parties discussed the presentation of evidence in an electronic format
24 to jurors for the purposes of jury deliberations and agree that at least some evidence will be presented
25 to jurors in an electronic format. To date, no stipulations between the parties have been reached
26 regarding providing discovery in an electronic format.

27 **Resolution of Discovery Disputes**

28 The parties acknowledge and agree that pursuant to LR 1-1(b) (2) and U.S. Magistrate Judge

Craig S. Denney's Civil Standing Order, section V.B., the parties must follow the informal discovery dispute procedures prior to filing any discovery motions.

DATED: April 3, 2025

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IT IS SO ORDERED.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: April 4, 2025